

CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Huth (Vice-Chair); James H. Hayes, Jr.; Milton Otto; Esther Patt; Ruth Wyman; Joseph A. Whelan (7:36)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Chynoweth (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; Ronald Eldridge; Robert Grewe; N. Patrick Pioletti; Ella Coleman; Delora Siebrecht; Timothy Ross

OTHERS PRESENT: Joel Super; Ellen Self; Hiram Paley; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Chair Huth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Hayes requested to remove item #6 concerning Don Moyer's Boys Club funding proposal from the agenda. He then addressed his reasons for removing this item, expressing his disappointment in what he perceived as lack of Council support. He also informed the Committee that Ms Libman, representative for Don Moyer's Boys Club, had contacted him expressing her concerns about the Council's approach to this issue and indicated to him that they were withdrawing their request as a result of these concerns.

Item #6, "Don Moyer's Boy's Club Funding Proposal (Lakeside Terrace Technologies Center)", was removed from the agenda.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

May 29, 2001 - Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2001 Committee meeting. Ms Wyman seconded.

Mr. Hayes noted a typographical error on page 1 of the minutes under Public Input. "Sondra Sibman" should be corrected to read "Sondra Libman." There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of May 29, 2001 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee on the topic of parking in West Urbana, expressing their (opposition) concerns with the recommendations made by staff:

Joel Super, 713 W. Pennsylvania Avenue (representing the Parking Task Force);

Ellen Self, 711 W. Iowa Street (representing the Parking Task Force); and

Hiram Paley, 706 W. California.

Committee Member Input

Committee Members Whelan, Wyman, and Patt directed input to the removal of the Don Moyer's Boys Club funding proposal from the agenda, each expressing their disappointment about the organization's decision to withdraw their request for funding.

5. LIBRARY EXPANSION - DIRECTION TO ARCHITECTS

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the staff report. (See recommendation in report attached.)

Ms Patt moved to approve staff's recommendations. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. TENANT-BASED RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

Robert Grewe (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report, with the assistance of Ella Coleman (Transitional Housing Coordinator).

Committee Members commended staff on their efforts regarding this issue, and the poster developed to advertise the Tenant-Based Rent Assistance (TBRA) Program. Ms Patt suggested re-visiting this issue at a later date in order to see if more people become aware of the program as a result of these efforts. There were no objections.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2001-06-060: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-45 OF THE URBANA CITY CODE TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE UTILITY TAX WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL GAS

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. DISCUSSION: TAXICAB ORDINANCE FEE CHANGES

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the staff report. Delora Siebrecht (Collector's Office Supervisor) was also available to answer questions.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council for approval, directing staff to change the rate to match that of the City of Champaign. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. WEST URBANA NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING FOCUS GROUP PRESENTATION

Pat Pioletti (Facilities Manager) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion to direct staff to bring back a specific proposal in response to Alternatives 3 and 4 on page 2 of staff's memo, that can be presented to the effected population for input with a view toward approving something by the end of the summer. Ms Wyman seconded.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

Ms Patt commended staff members (Chief Adair, Bill Gray, Delora Siebrecht, Shawn Crowley, Tim Ross, and Pat Pioletti) for their participation in this task force.

11. **PUBLIC INPUT - WEST URBANA PARKING**

The following people readdressed the Committee, reiterating their concerns and opposition to staff's recommendation:

Joel Super, 713 W. Pennsylvania Avenue (representing the Parking Task Force);

Ellen Self, 711 W. Iowa Street (representing the Parking Task Force); and

Hiram Paley, 706 W. California.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Huth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: _____